

# **CDBG** Disaster Recovery

**Economic Development Programs** 

## **Hurricanes Katrina & Rita**

- •Total CDBG allocation \$13.4 billion
- •Total ED allocation \$322 million

#### **Hurricane Katrina**

FEMA-1603-DR, Louisiana Disaster Declaration as of 10/07/2005



#### **Hurricane Rita**

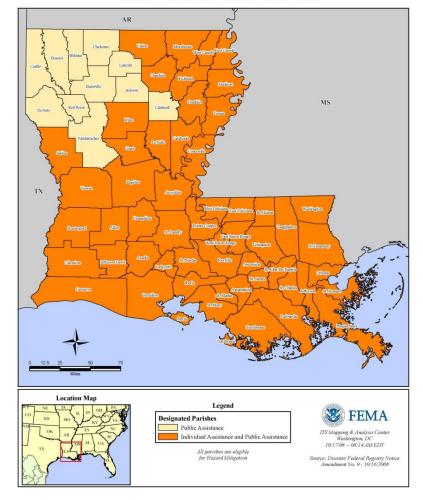
FEMA-1607-DR, Louisiana Disaster Declaration as of 10/18/2005



## **Hurricanes Gustav & Ike**

- •Total CDBG allocation: \$1.1 Billion
- Total ED allocation\$232 Million

FEMA-1786-DR, Louisiana Disaster Declaration as of 10/16/2008



# **Economic Development Programs**

### **Louisiana Tourism Marketing Initiative**

Promoted tourism in the storm-impacted parishes through various marketing campaigns.

### **Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement**

Provided funding to restore scientific and technology research facilities within higher education institutions.

### **Recovery Workforce Training**

Provided training and placement of workers in critical recovery sectors.

# **Economic Development Programs**

#### **Business Recovery Grant and Loan Program Phase I**

- •Provided nearly \$100M in grants and loans to small businesses across the storm-impacted region.
- •7 Nonprofit Intermediaries selected for intake & loan mgt.
- •Over 3,500 small businesses assisted.

#### **Business Recovery Grant and Loan Phase II**

- •Additional \$80 million in grant/loan packages (20/80%).
- •7 Nonprofit Intermediaries selected for intake & loan mgt.
- •Over 700 small businesses assisted.

#### Ongoing ED benefits... Revolving Capital Fund

- •Loan repayments retained by IMs to set up RCF.
- •Less restrictions through 105(a)(15) designated entities.
- •\$18 million in 300 additional loans to small businesses in 1st 3 years.
- •Average loan \$60,000, ranging from \$2,000 to \$650,000.
- •Purchase of Land/Equipment, Working Capital, and Refinance Debt.

# Economic Development Programs (cont.)

### **Agriculture Assistance Programs**

Provided loan/grant packages to farmers and agri-businesses.

## **Fisheries Recovery Programs**

Provided grants to commercial fishermen and wholesalers, dealers and brokers. Assisted 1,025 fishermen and 103 WDBs Total.

## **Project-Based Recovery Opportunity Program**

Awarded low-interest gap financing to mid-size projects located in areas slow to recover from the storms.



# **Joy Theatre**

Total Project Cost \$12,000,000 | CDBG Funding = \$3,000,000

Before...







# **St. Thomas Community Health Center**

Total Project Cost \$5,400,000 | CDBG Funding = \$2,000,000

#### Before...



#### **After**





# New Orleans Healing Center

50,000 Square Feet | Total Project \$6,000,000, CDBG Funding = \$3,500,000

#### Before...



#### **After**



## **Lessons Learned**

- Identify & Address Needs
- Evaluate Target Industry & Sector
- Assess Capacity Internal and External
- Consider Monitoring and Data Collection Requirements
- Think Through and Document Process & Procedures
- Maintain Open and Consistent Communication
- Consider Experience and Past Performance in Project Selection
- Ensure All Deliverables and Requirements are Contained in Written Agreements
- Document, Document, Document!!!

## Contact Us...

#### **Adrienne Celestine**

Economic Development Director
Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit

Phone: (504) 556-9799

Email: adrienne.celestine@la.gov

## **Lauren Tichenor**

Economic Development Program Manager
Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit

Phone: (225) 219-9616

Email: <u>lauren.tichenor@la.gov</u>